



ALEXANDRIA, VA.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 23.

TWO QUESTIONS were enough to destroy the whole of Mr. Stanford's late speech in the U. S. Senate in favor of his bill for printing and lending government money at two percent. In the first place, it was, whether or not, in a free and equal country, the land grant railroads and other corporations owing immense tracts of land, would not have as much right to borrow that money as the poor owner of a few acres? And the other was, if it would not be necessary, in order to give every land owner an equal chance, to have a government lender, with a salary, in every county in every State and Territory of the Union? Mr. Stanford's ex-partner, Mr. Huntington, says the former is so strong in his intellect, and the speech referred to goes far to sustain that assertion. The amount to be distributed by Mr. Stanford's bill is one hundred million dollars. But that sum would be snatched up by the rich land owners before the poor owners of small mortgaged farms in obscure parts of the country would know that the bill had been passed, and they would relend it at six percent, or more, thus increasing their riches at the expense of those the bill is nominally, but in no other way, intended to benefit.

AS THERE never was any cause for war with Chili, there will be no such war, that is if Congress have common sense. But, if otherwise, the result would be no means as speedy or as certain as some of the Jingoes suppose. It is a far cry from here to Chili, thousands of miles, and many a soldier would become sharks' food before he reached there, many more would die for lack of fresh water after landing, and still more would succumb to the privations of an inland march through the bad roads of that country, let alone those who would bite the dust from the enemy's bullets. Of one hundred thousand men who might start from this country, and it would be folly to send a smaller number, their commander would be fortunate if twenty thousand would be fit for duty when drawn up on Chilian soil.

THE FEMALE inmates of the insane asylums are sent to those places not only to be nursed, but to be treated and cured if possible. For nurses there are none more competent, efficient and sympathetic than can be found among the women of Virginia, and with such they are supplied. But experienced and skillful physicians, who can minister to a mind diseased, are not to be found either among Virginia or New England women, and therefore the proposition now before the Virginia Senate to compel the boards of directors of the asylums, against their convictions, to appoint women doctors to the female wards of those asylums, should be voted down. It is not indelicate for sane women to have their bodily ailments treated by male physicians, why should it be otherwise with insane women, in the treatment of their mental diseases?

IT NOW turns out that Commander Evans was decidedly too previous in the matter of the Chilian refugees on his ship, and the message he sent to the Chilian government. The whole Chilian trouble is the direct result of the unwise and improper proceedings of Minister Egan and Commander Schley and Evans, and to them may be justly attributed the millions of money thrown away by this government in not only useless, but senseless war preparations.

UNLIKE Philadelphia and Boston, New York has always been friendly, and sympathized with the South, and as the vote of New York is necessary to the election of a democratic President, and as the best way to secure that vote is to nominate the favorite of the democrats of that State, the South will be disposed next June, as it always has been since the war, to follow the lead of its party allies in New York.

AS THE republican majority in the U. S. Senate had nothing to gain by repealing a statute it had enacted, and as it would have been necessary to repeal that statute in order to exclude Senator Call from his seat in that body, the judiciary committee thereof, as previously announced, has reported unanimously that he is entitled to his seat, as the GAZETTE said would be the case from the first.

WHY THE sons of men who, by a U. S. statute, are prohibited from holding commissions in the U. S. army, should be as desirous of a war with Chili, as some of them seem to be, is one of the many things which no fellow can find out, except themselves.

FROM WASHINGTON.
[Special Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 23, 1892.
Judge Ashton of King George county, Va., was at the Capitol to-day in the interest of a bill to pay J. H. Redmond, of that county, for a vessel destroyed by the federal navy during the war to prevent her falling into the hands of the Confederates.
Col. M. Kligour, formerly of Alexandria, is here to-day on his way to his home at Rockville, from Annapolis, where he has been during the Senatorial campaign in the legislature there. He says the election of Senators Gorman and Gibson is the best thing that could have been done for the party, and that Spencer Jones of Montgomery county will be elected State Treasurer.
It is said at the Capitol to-day that an agreement had been made by which the late Justice Bradley was to resign toward the close of the present administration and the President appoint as his successor Attorney General Miller, his, the President's, old law

partner, and the disburser of the money in the "blocks of five" business, but as death has removed the Justice, Mr. Miller will be appointed. There may be another vacancy on the Supreme Bench pretty soon, as Justice Blatchford's age and term of service are almost sufficient to entitle him to retire on full pay.

On Monday next Representative Tucker of Virginia will introduce a bill to increase Mexican war pensions from \$8 to \$12 a month.

Representative O'Ferrall has returned from Atlanta, where he delivered the address at the celebration of Gen. Lee's birthday, last Tuesday. He says the celebration was a great success and that he had a most delightful trip.

Representative Wike of Illinois says he believes the whole Chilian war flurry was instigated and is kept up for the purpose of preventing Congress from making any reduction in the existing high tariff.

Bids were opened at the Navy Department to-day for the completion of the new naval observatory in process of construction just outside of this city. This work was rendered necessary by the abandonment of their general contract some months ago by Messrs. McLaughlin and Co., of this city, the original contractors. The lowest bid was that of Samuel M. Pimply, of Washington, at \$25,940.

In response to a request of the House ways and means committee, Assistant Secretary Spaulding and several other Treasury officials appeared before that committee to-day to inform the members thereof concerning the actual condition of the Treasury, so that they might have some definite knowledge upon which to base proposed tariff legislation. The officials referred to did the best they could to make it appear that there is a surplus in the Treasury, but to do so they had to count the gold and silver held as security for paper money, the money due on extended bonds, the sinking fund, and the thirty millions of withheld last year's appropriations. Without the items referred to a large deficit would be shown, which will be larger by the end of the year, as the revenue from customs shows a marked and steady decline.

The Chilian Minister was at the State Department this morning, but neither he nor the department was in receipt of any news from Chili respecting the existing imbroglio between this and that country. Notwithstanding the entire subsidence of the war talk, Secretary Tracy still believes in war as essential to the continuance of republican government, and is making contracts with northern ship owners for transports to carry troops to Chili when war shall be declared.

Gen. Scherff received a telegram to-day from General Canby, commanding the department of Texas, in which he expressed the opinion that the Ga za insurrectionary movement is at an end.

North Carolinians, here to-day, say the Farmers' Alliance of their State being opposed to any third party will send delegates to the State democratic convention, and that those delegates will probably be so numerous that they will constitute a majority of the convention and run it suit themselves, and if they do, they will elect a solid anti-Cleveland delegation to the national democratic convention, as the Alliance believes in giving the silver mine owners and the importers of foreign silver one dollar for every seventy-five cents' worth of silver they may carry to the mint, and Mr. Cleveland is dead opposed to such and all other bonanzas.

Y. F. Jones was to-day appointed postmaster at Bay Port, Middlesex county, Va., vice T. R. Baird, resigned.
The Senate committee on postoffice and post roads has practically agreed to report personally upon the nomination of James McLaughlin to be postmaster at Lynchburg, Va., and his name will probably be confirmed at the next executive session of the Senate. A delegation of Virginia republicans, headed by Mr. Parsons, of Natural Bridge, protested before the committee against his confirmation, attacking his party record.

"TALL" HALL TRIES TO ESCAPE.—"Tall" Hall, the notorious Kentucky outlaw, who is now in jail at Gladeville, Va., awaiting his trial for the murder of Policeman Hyton at Norton, Va., last July, seems to be losing the old-time difference which has characterized him nearly ever since he was arrested and placed in jail. He seems, as the time for his trial approaches, to be growing desperate. A special from Gladeville says: "Hall came very near escaping jail by being through the floor of the cell. Fortunately the vigilance of the guards frustrated his plans, and a closer watch is kept over him than ever. It seems now that his only hope of escaping from hanging is by breaking jail, and under the circumstances his chances of breaking jail are very meagre. The guards are vigilant and seem determined to see that he pays the penalty of his crimes. The trial of Hall for murder will begin Tuesday, 26th inst., at Wise Court house."

Y. M. C. A. CONVENTION.—The sixteenth annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Virginia will be held in Bloomfield, February 11-14. A number of the most prominent members of the association have consented to be present and assist. Reduced rates on all the roads and free entertainment will be provided for all delegates. A large male chorus, under the direction of Mr. H. F. Smith, of Bloomfield, will lead the singing. An effort is being made to secure the attendance of four hundred delegates. Representatives are not limited, and towns having no association are invited to send delegates. All young men expecting to attend should apply to their local secretary, or write to H. O. Williams, State Secretary, of Richmond, Va., for programme, reduced rates, and for other particulars.

CHOKED BY A MADMAN.—The sheriff of Washington county, Pa., on Thursday brought to the Dixmont Asylum for the Insane O. A. Williams. Williams was represented to be a harmless imbecile and was placed in a large room with twelve other harmless patients. Early yesterday morning the keepers were attracted to the ward by a great turmoil. They found that Williams had choked James McAfee to death and had almost killed another inmate named Brumell in the same manner. Williams had torn a sheet into strips. One of these he had tied around McAfee's neck and choked him. He was killing Brumell in the same manner.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

One man was killed and three men were injured by the fall of a chimney on Eataw street, near Lombard, Baltimore, yesterday.

The Italian government has directed the telegraph companies not to transmit sensational reports concerning the Pope's illness.

Twenty helpless cripples perished and many more were horribly burned in the destruction by fire of the National Surgical Institute in Indianapolis early yesterday morning.

It is reported in Berlin that the English government is co-operating with the German and Italian governments in trying to persuade Russia to abandon her treaty with France and join the European pact.

With bones as brittle as glass, 8-year-old Samuel Martzall, who lives near Petersburg, Pa., has broken his legs seven times since he was two and a-half years old—the last time yesterday, while moving about in his room.

In English court circles Emperor William is blamed for going shooting the day of the Duke of Clarence's death and the day following. It is said the Emperor allowed his ill-will toward his niece, the Princess of Wales, to display itself.

The New York State Department of Insurance has made a report on the condition of the New York Life Insurance Company, severely condemning President Bears' management and estimating most of the charges of mismanagement brought by ex-Cashier Banta.

John F. Latham, in New York, yesterday testified at the trial of Carlisle W. Harris for the murder of Helen Neilson. Potts that Harris had proposed in his presence to "get rid of a rich old gentleman by giving him a pill," and told of Harris's boasts of his success with women.

A dispatch from Washington to the New York Sun says: "The longer the situation is considered the more it becomes apparent that the selection of Chicago as the place for holding the next national democratic convention was the work of the 'Big Four'—Gorman, Hill, Bliss and Barber."

The first political meeting since the selection of the date and place for the democratic national convention was held in Baltimore last night under the auspices of the tariff reform club. Epithets were made by Congressman Warner, of New York, Oatwille, of Ohio, Wilson, of West Virginia, and Turner, of Georgia.

The proposition to return a Confederate flag which was captured from a North Carolina regiment at Hanover Court House, Va., in 1862, and which is now in the custody of the county clerk at Barton, was the subject of a sharp discussion at the meeting of the Boston Council Council Thursday night. The matter was laid over for one week.

During services in a church at Slobodskoi, Russia, the roof gave way and fell upon the worshippers beneath. A scene of the wildest excitement followed. The villagers rushed to the scene and worked heroically to remove the persons imprisoned by the falling timber. The wreckage was soon cleared away, when it was found that 50 persons had been either killed or injured.

President Harrison has instructed Minister Egan to ask the Chilian government what is going to be done in the Baltimore affair and whether it is proposed to do anything at all. Information from Minister Egan is to the effect that the Chilian government is very much worried about its trouble with the United States. Minister Barros Lugo, in reply to questions at Santiago, said the trouble between Chili and the United States was in a fair way of amicable settlement.

Berklee College, located at Dawest, Abbeville county, S. C., was burned yesterday morning, only a few benches, desks and bookboards being saved from the wreck. A library, containing over two thousand valuable volumes belonging to the theological seminary of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, was destroyed, together with the college library and furniture. The loss is over \$25,000, and no insurance. The halls of the literary society, exhibition hall and the chapel, three separate buildings on the college campus, were not injured, and the exercises of the college will be resumed without delay.

Martha Washington's Will.
The manner of the recovery of Gen. Geo. Washington's will and its restoration to the O. C.'s office of this county after the war has been related in these columns more than once. It may not be generally known, however, that the will of Martha Washington, written the 22d day of Sept. 1800 (less than one year after the death of Gen. Washington) was stolen from the clerk's office of this county during the war by some Federal soldier and has never been returned. Information with reference to it, however, has just come to light. Mr. Moncure D. Conway has written from New York to his cousin, Dr. W. P. Moncure, of this place, stating that a woman in the central part of that State has the original will, which she says her father, a Federal soldier, took from her during the war. She wishes to sell it, and asks the modest sum of \$5,500 for it. A New York paper, the *Collector*, in speaking of the matter, says: "She should at once be taken by the Virginia State authorities to recover it. It has been said that she threatens to burn it if this is done, but there are severe penalties for such crimes." The thieving propensity of the father seem to have been inherited by the daughter in no small degree. Mr. Conway strongly urges the Fairfax county, or Virginia, shall take legal steps at once to recover the will. This the county will probably neglect to do, but why cannot our representative in the Legislature secure the passage of a resolution directing the Attorney General of the State to institute proceedings for the restoration of this valuable document? Mr. Conway says the money value of the will is guaranteed against: protection, would be about \$1,500, and there is a gentleman who collects historical documents as a matter of taste, who would be glad to buy the will if it can be honestly obtained, and would pay Fairfax something if it would engage to make good his title to the document.—*Fairfax Herald*.

Court of Appeals in Richmond Yesterday.
Hodges vs. Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad Company. From the Circuit Court of Portsmouth. Reversed, Judge Hinton delivering opinion.
Jordan vs. Kays' Order of dismissal set aside and cause reinstated on docket.
Richmond and Danville Railroad Company vs. Collins. Further argued and continued.

W. W. Willoughby allowed to practice as counsel in this court.

After a three-day session the directors of the United Theological Seminary, and the conference committee appointed by the last Presbyterian General Assembly announce that they have reached a decision. Whether Dr. Briggs will be allowed to occupy the chair of biblical theology or not the committee refuse to divulge. They say that the arrangements are amicable.

DIED.
On Friday, January 22d, at his home, in this city, GEORGE A. HEWES, in the 74th year of his age. The funeral will take place from his late residence, 323 South Lee street, Monday, the 25th instant, at 2 o'clock p. m. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend. No flowers.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Co. one! Frank G. Ruffin still continues to oppose the debt settlement.

Mr. J. W. Sullivan and the wife of Rev. B. P. Dulin died at their homes in Prince William recently.

Mr. M. G. VanDewater, of Fairfax, shot a wild hog last Saturday, which weighed about 300 pounds. For 12 months the hog has been hunted for, but could never be caught until Saturday, when after an hour's chase, with dog and gun, he was caught.

The Senate committee on public institutions last night agreed to report adversely on the House bill providing for the employment of female physicians in the insane asylums of the State. This measure has attracted attention all over the State, and a determined fight has been made on it. The vote in the committee, it is understood, was 10 to 2 against the bill.

A tory-General Scott made a motion yesterday in the Court of Appeals for a rehearing of the case of Miller against the Commonwealth, from Rockingham county. This is the case in which the courts recently decided that persons charged with certain slight offenses cannot be tried by a judge or justice of the peace, but must go before a jury. The effect of this decision will be to largely increase the criminal expenses of the State.

A conference of members of the Virginia oystermen's association and the delegates in the Legislature from Tidewater was held in Richmond on Thursday, at which an oyster bill was discussed. The bill adopted by the oystermen's association at their convention, held at Hampton last summer, was submitted. The general outlines of the measure are somewhat similar to the bill passed at this session and vetoed by the Governor. It provides for renting the grounds for a term of twenty years at a certain sum per acre. There is no limit as to the number of acres any lessee may hold. The draft of the bill and all other matters connected with the subject were referred to a committee, who will formulate a bill. It is contended by some of those who were in the conference that the result of the survey of the oyster grounds, which is proposed to be made, should form the basis of whatever legislation is needed.

The Legislature.

A joint resolution was unanimously adopted in the Senate yesterday ratifying the plan of the settlement of the State debt as agreed upon by the State commission. It was immediately communicated to the House of Delegates, taken up and discussed until adjournment. In the House Messrs. Kert Saunders and Letcher favored granting more time for the consideration of the subject. Mr. Kert said that as he understood the plan it contemplated a larger principal than he at first supposed. Messrs. Lether and Saunders were rather disposed to favor conceding the subject by the democratic caucus before it was taken up in the legislature. After more discussion the House ordered the pending question by a vote of 54 to 32. Pending a motion to reconsider this last vote the House adjourned. The subject will come up to-day, when it is believed the resolution ratifying the settlement will be adopted by a practically unanimous vote. The resolution sets forth that the agreement entered into on the 19th day of November, 1891, between the Virginia debt commission and the bondholders' committee, for the settlement of the outstanding indebtedness of the State of Virginia, founded under the act known as the Riddinger bill, be and the same is hereby ratified. A subcommittee of two from the Senate and three from the House finance committee will be appointed to prepare a suitable bill carrying out the terms of the plan of settlement agreed upon.

Mr. Dunn introduced a bill in the Senate to amend the Code in reference to the duties of county superintendents of schools, which he said would save \$20,000 per annum to the school fund. It provides that drafts for the pay of teachers shall be made direct upon the State Treasurer, thus dispensing with the payment of 2 percent, for collection to the county treasurers. Mr. Dunn also says that under his proposed amendment the teachers would get their money more promptly than at present, and would not, as is sometimes the case, be compelled to have their wages discounted.

A bill was introduced to prevent nepotism in the employment of teachers in public schools.

A bill was passed to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Prince William county to increase the salary of the county judge of that county.

In the House Mr. Fahney introduced a bill to amend the Code as to allowances of witnesses. The amendment provides that a witness, under a summons, shall have 50 cents for each day's attendance and mileage for each day of such attendance at the rate of four cents per mile for each mile necessarily travelled. Mr. Fahney also introduced a bill to amend the Code as to pay of jurors. The amendment provides that every person summoned as a juror shall be entitled to one dollar for each day of service on a jury, and to one dollar for each day of attendance upon the court without such service.

Mr. Mason introduced a bill to extend the time of the Northern Neck Railroad and Transportation Company, to commence and complete its construction.

The House passed the following Senate bill to approve and ratify a charter of incorporation granted by the Congress of the United States, approved February 28, 1891, entitled an act to incorporate the Washington and Arlington Railway Company of the District of Columbia so far as it relates to its proposed railway line within the limits of the State of Virginia; to amend and reenact section twelve of the act approved February 7, 1890, entitled an act to incorporate the Frederickburg and Western Railroad Company, extending the time for the construction on said road.

Among the House bills passed were those to allow Lewis W. Country and Mrs. S. G. Bailey to erect a wharf at Kinsale; to amend the Code relating to the protection of religious meetings; to amend the code in reference to how penalty run in when in an action or *scire facias* on a recognizance, the penalty is adjudged to be forfeited; to legalize the adoption of minor children by adult persons.

A bill was introduced in the House on Thursday to amend the code allowing mileage to judges of election carrying election returns to clerk's office.

The House bill to incorporate the Potomac and Great Falls Railroad Company was passed.

The following, offered by Mr. Mason, of King George, was passed:
Resolved by the House of Delegates, That the committee for counties, cities and towns be and are hereby instructed to take into consideration the question of work and keeping in order the said public highways, and frame such a general road-law (if the same be practicable) as the condition of the country may require.

The following bills have been signed by the Governor: Amending the charter of the town of Warrenton; amending an act incorporating the Virginia Western Railroad Company; amending an act incorporating the Falls Church and Potomac Railroad Company.



ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

Foreign News.
BRUSSELS, Jan. 23.—A portion of the residence of the Duke of Arenberg in this city was discovered to be on fire at two o'clock this morning. The Princess Ludmilla, a sister of the duke, and her young children barely escaped with their lives. The palace was a very old one, its erection dating more than three centuries back, and many historical associations clung about it. The palace was filled with famous historical paintings and other works of art, the greater portion of which were destroyed. The pavilion Egan was also destroyed with all its valuable treasures.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Information has been received here this afternoon from Santiago de Chili that it is announced there that the government has received a strong ultimatum from the United States and that no further delay in the settlement of the dispute between the two governments will be tolerated. The Matia telegram, the ultimatum says, must be immediately with drawn.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—The fact that the Duchess of Fife may through a concatenation of events succeed to the throne continues to excite the English people particularly those of the nobility and upper classes. A well informed correspondent says that Prince George of Wales, through his brother's death, becomes heir presumptive to the throne, and will almost immediately become duke of Fife, and that his engagement to some princess will be announced before the end of the season.

Another Train Robbery.

LAMAR, Mo., Jan. 23.—Two very bold men robbed the express car of the Missouri Pacific train which reaches here at 12:30 p. m. The men held up the occupants of the car, keeping them covered with revolvers while the train traveled the ten miles between Shelton and Lamar. The two men of whom only the most meagre descriptions are obtainable, boarded the train at Shelton. At the baggage and express car were express messenger Honck, baggage-master Hall, and traveling passenger agent Charles Barrett. All were covered with revolvers and their pockets ransacked. From Hall \$75 was taken, from the others small sums of money and some jewelry. Honck was forced to give the combination of his safe, and this also was robbed. The amount taken from the safe was small.

A Bed of Silver.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—Advises from the Argentine Republic bring information of the discovery of a vast bed of silver in the bottom of the Bay of San Blas, Argent no Republic. The silver appears in the black red, tallo sand which covers the bottom of the bay. The sand is full of silver pellets, and divers have brought up a sufficient quantity to justify the belief, as stated by the Buenos Ayres Standard, that the deposit in the bottom of the bay is greater than in the famous Bonanza mines of California.

Railroad Accident.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 23.—The passenger train on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railroad was ditched about 14 miles from Council Bluffs, Iowa, last night by the spreading of the rails. The train, which was not running at full speed, was wrecked and a number of passengers badly hurt. The train at once took fire from the stove and was consumed, together with the mails. The financial loss is estimated at \$40,000.

Cyrus W. Field's Condition.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Cyrus W. Field's physician, Doctor Fuller, called at the house of his patient at 8:30 this morning. He said that incipient pneumonia had set in as well as congestion of the lungs, but did not think that Mr. Field was in immediate danger of death.

Lynched.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 23.—A special from Nevada, Mo., says: When the 7:30 Missouri Pacific train arrived here last evening a mob of 250 men from Barton county got off and proceeded to the county jail and demanded that the sheriff should turn over to them Hepler, the man who murdered Mrs. Goody and her little son in that county last Sunday. The sheriff made some resistance and the mob proceeded to knock in the door with tools which they had secured by breaking into a blacksmith shop near by. The sheriff, having been previously warned that the mob was coming, had soon gained admittance and brought Hepler forth. They hurried him down the railroad to Nansen Junction, expecting to board the train and take their prisoner back to Barton county, where they intended to burn him at the stake. About a half an hour after the mob took the man, Sheriff Waite gathered a posse including Company H, 1st regiment Missouri National Guards, and started to overhaul the mob. In order to shut off communication to Nevada the mob in coming to that point dived the train between there and Lamar and boarded it. The mob made no noise or demonstration while getting the prisoner. Sheriff Garrett, of Barton county, yesterday had a talk with Hepler in jail and the prisoner confessed to having murdered the woman and child, but said he did not know what he did it for.

Earthquake.

ROME, Jan. 23.—There were several quite severe shocks of earthquake felt here last night, which caused a panic in the more crowded quarters of the city. The inhabitants of the houses in these places thought their dwellings were about to fall and they rushed into the streets, many of them in dishebbled and remained on the streets. The theatre shook with the violence of the shocks, and the persons present at the performances were greatly frightened. The panic soon subsided, however. The ground shook so violently that the street lamps were extinguished. The Pope was aroused by the earth tremor. He immediately sent to the Vatican observatory to inquire if they were likely to prove serious. He was assured that there was no danger or any prospect of any, and he thereupon retired for the night.

At Civita Lavigna, 18 miles southeast of Rome,

where there are a number of Roman antiquities, the historical tower fell. Many houses were damaged at Velletri and other towns. No loss of life has so far been reported.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

The parliament of Canada has been called for the dispatch of business on February 25.

The Fordham street branch of the Boston electric light company was destroyed by fire early this morning. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

R. V. Peter Hannart, vicar general of the Detroit diocese, and the oldest priest in point of service in that city, died last night of the grip at St. Mary's hospital.

Dani. M. Burns, a well-known San Francisco politician, has been arrested in the City of Mexico, under the mining laws of that country, and placed in prison.
Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnson, niece of President Buchanan, has given \$10,000 toward the purchase of "Whetland," Buchanan's home, to be used as a park for Lancaster city, Pa.

A. B. Spreckles, secretary of the California sugar refineries, denies the report that the American Sugar Refining Company has secured control of Spreckles' California and Philadelphia refineries.

The French steamer *Patric*, which sailed early in January from Toulon for Marseilles, is supposed to have been lost with all on board during a hurricane which swept over the Mediterranean shortly after she left Toulon.

The case of Bishop Foley vs. Henry Finnegon, which has been in court for four years at Benton Harbor, Mich., has been decided in favor of the bishop. The case involves the title to a large tract of land formerly owned by a hermit named James Finnegon.

The handsome Catholic Church at Connelville, Pa., was destroyed by fire early this morning. None of the valuable paintings, records, furniture, etc., could be gotten out. The building, including contents, was valued at \$100,000.

The Philadelphia tug boat *Gladstone* today starts in search of the British bark *Hutchings Bros.*, abandoned at sea while on a voyage from Pernambuco for New York with a valuable cargo of sugar. Should the *Gladstone* succeed in finding this derelict she will be recompensed, as the vessel is a new one and when last seen seemed to be in good condition.

The correspondent of the *London Times* at Valparaiso confirms the report of the attack by a mob of armed men upon the house of Dr. Suarez at Mendoza, Argentine Republic, where a number of the members of the Provincial Chamber were holding a meeting. The *Times* correspondent adds that in addition to the killing of Senator Navar, Secretary of the Chamber, several other of the legislators were assassinated.

Postmaster-General Wainman has removed the postmaster at Morgantown, Pa., because he criticized President Harrison.

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Birthstone Rings—all sizes, \$1 quality, 25c.
Solid Gold Rings, plain, 25c.
Rhinstone Earrings, in drop and screw, 25c.
Sterling Silver Bar Earrings, 25c.
Children's Gold Chains, 25c.
Gold-plated Watch Chains, 25c.
Gold-plated Fob Chains, with fancy charms, 25c.
(First floor, 11th-st. building.)

A CORSET THOUGHT.

A new lot of "Electric" Corsets, medium length, light weight, corded bust, all sizes. 39c a pair.

(Second floor, annex 10th-st. building.)

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